

COVENANT — THE NEW COVENANT

Paul and Silas in Philippi

LESSON 07

JULY 19, 2026

LESSON TEXT - ACTS 16:16–40

FOCUS VERSES

Acts 16:25;

Philippians 4:4

²⁵And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

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⁴Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.

TRUTH ABOUT COVENANT

Recognizing our covenant with Jesus allows the Spirit to produce joy.

MY RESPONSE TO COVENANT

I will embrace the Spirit's beckoning to joy.

COVENANT CONTEXT

On Paul's second missionary journey, which is recorded in the Book of Acts, God led him to Europe, a new continent to hear the gospel. He and his companion Silas were persecuted, but God worked a miracle that led to the salvation of a jailor and his household. Even through difficulty, God was opening up a new church and inviting new people into covenant relationship with Him. Paul later wrote a letter to this same church known as the Epistle to the Philippians.

I. CHURCH PLANTING IN PHILIPPI

A. Paul in the Will of God

*If God has given you a dream or vision of something to come to pass, has it already happened?
If not, what Bible passages encourage you as you look for God to perform what He promised?*

- B. Paul Addressed the Girl Possessed by a Demon
- C. I will follow God's will, knowing He will make a way.

How has God provided direction or redirection in your life through your spiritual disciplines?

II. PAUL AND SILAS ARRESTED

- A. The Philippians' Unexpected Response
- B. The Shatter Zone

How do we deal with resistance to the gospel in today's culture?

- C. Paul and Silas's Unexpected Response
- D. I will praise God even when my situation seems bleak.

What are the benefits of having joy in negative situations?

III. THE LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

- A. Paul in Prison Again
- B. A Message Worth Repeating

What intentional reminders to rejoice can you incorporate into your life?

- C. I will embrace the Spirit's beckoning to joy.